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SUBJECT: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIAL MEETING: PUERTO
RICO

REF: GABORONE 1829

1. LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING
HAVANA NACB MEETING ("THE BUREAU RECALLED ITS PREVIOUS
DECISIONS AND REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT OF THE LEGITIMATE
RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION
AND INDEPENDENCE, AND CALLED FOR THE PROMPT ADOPTION OF
MEASURES FOR OBTAINING THIS OBJECTIVE") LARGELY REPEATS
FORMULATION ADOPTED BY APRIL 1977 NEW DELHI MEETING (PARA
2 OF STATE 74814). THUS, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING
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THE BASIS OF MINISTER MOGWE'S ANALYSIS THAT TREATMENT OF
PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AT HAVANA INDICATES THAT THIS ISSUE WILL
BE RAISED "EVEN MORE LOUDLY" AT BELGRADE NAM MINISTERIAL.

2. WHATEVER MOGWE'S INFORMATION, WE WELCOME BOTSWANAN
INTEREST IN OUR VIEWS AND ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE THE MEMO-
RANDUM HE REQUESTED. BASIS OF SUCH A MEMORANDUM IS PRO-

VIDED IN TALKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA 8 STATE 74814,
WHICH REMAIN VALID.

3. WE WERE PLEASED THAT BOTSWANAN REPRESENTATIVE ENTERED
RESERVATION ON LANGUAGE ADOPTED AT HAVANA MEETING, AND
THIS FACT SHOULD BE ADDED TO SIXTH TALKING POINT. SEVENTH
TALKING POINT SHOULD BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT
NEXT NAM MEETING WILL BE BELGRADE MEETING OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS. FINAL TALKING POINT SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ:
"SHOULD THE MINISTERIAL MEETING INCLUDE LANGUAGE CALLING
FOR ACTION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE
OF PUERTO RICO'S STATUS, WE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
BOTSWANA WILL AGAIN MAKE KNOWN ITS RESERVATIONS ON THIS
SUBJECT."

4. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS OUR STRONG APPRECIATION FOR
HELPFUL STANCE WHICH GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA HAS TAKEN ON
THIS ISSUE IN THE PAST AND OUR HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE
TO RELY ON BOTSWANA TO OPPOSE EFFORTS TO USE THE NAM AS
AN INSTRUMENT TO INTERFERE IN A US INTERNAL QUESTION. VANCE

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